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## DECEMBER 1 HOG INVENTORY DOWN 4 PERCENT

ARKANSAS inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2000, totaled 685,000 head, down 4 percent from December 1, 1999. **Breeding hog inventory**, at 110,000 head, was unchanged and **market hog inventory**, at 575,000 head, was down 4 percent. For the September-November 2000 quarter, **the pig crop** totaled 518,000 head, up 11 percent from 1999. **Sows farrowing** during this period was 56,000 head, up 2 percent.

The average number of **pigs saved per litter** for the quarter was 9.25 head, up from 8.50 head last year. Arkansas hog producers intend to have 55,000 sows farrow during the December 2000-February 2001 quarter. **The number of operations with hogs** totaled 1,100, unchanged from 1999. Places having 2,000 or more hogs accounted for 13 percent of the total operations and controlled 76 percent of the total inventory.

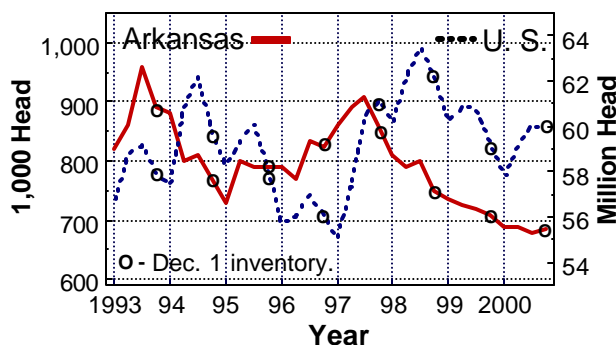
### HOG AND PIG INVENTORY BY QUARTER, 1999-2000, ARKANSAS AND U. S.

Item/Date	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
	1999	2000	% Change	1999	2000	% Change
<b>All Hogs and Pigs:</b>	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>1,000 Head</i>		
March 1	735	690	-6	60,191	57,782	-4
June 1	725	690	-5	60,896	59,137	-3
September 1	720	680	-6	60,776	60,065	-1
December 1	710	<b>685</b>	-4	59,342	59,848	+1
<b>Breeding:</b>						
March 1	110	110	0	6,527	6,190	-5
June 1	110	110	0	6,515	6,234	-4
September 1	110	105	-5	6,301	6,246	-1
December 1	110	<b>110</b>	0	6,234	6,275	+1
<b>Market:</b>						
March 1	625	580	-7	53,663	51,593	-4
June 1	615	580	-6	54,380	52,904	-3
September 1	610	575	-6	54,474	53,820	-1
December 1	600	<b>575</b>	-4	53,109	53,573	+1

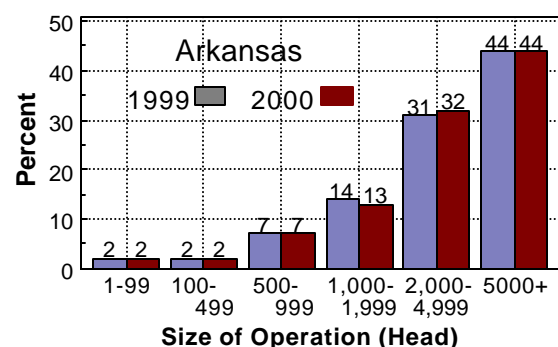
### DECEMBER 1 MARKET HOG INVENTORY BY WEIGHT GROUP, ARKANSAS AND U.S., 1999-2000

Item	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
	1999	2000	%	1999	2000	% Change
<b>Market Hogs by Weight</b>	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Under 60 pounds	210	<b>210</b>	0	19,241	19,566	+2
60-119 Pounds	140	<b>135</b>	-4	13,107	13,333	+2
120-179 Pounds	140	<b>125</b>	-11	11,073	11,051	0
180 Pounds and Over	110	<b>105</b>	-5	9,687	9,624	-1

### Total Hog Inventory, by Quarter, 1993-2000



### Annual Percent of Inventory by Size group

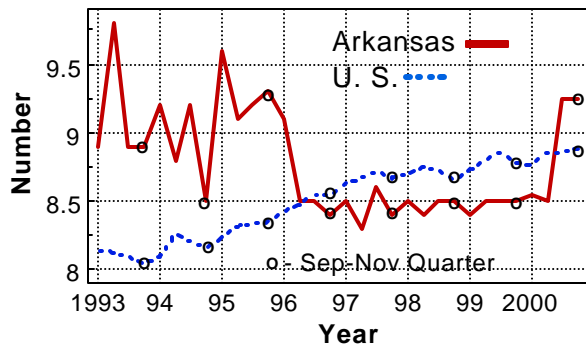


**FARROWINGS: NUMBER OF SOWS, PIGS PER LITTER AND PIG CROP  
BY QUARTER AND ANNUAL, ARKANSAS AND U. S., 1999- 2001**

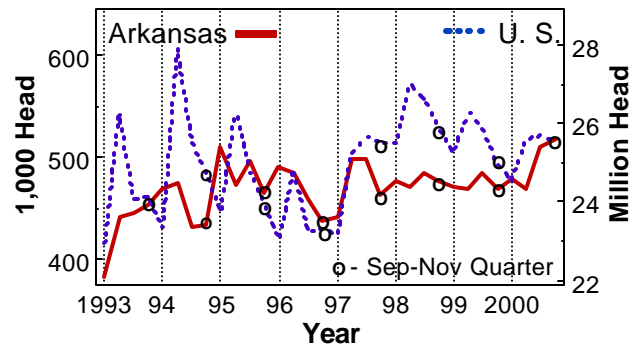
Item/Period	ARKANSAS				UNITED STATES			
	1999	2000	2001	% Chg. 99-00	1999	2000	2001	% Chg. 99-00
<b>SOWS FARROWING:</b>	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Dec - Feb 1/	56	56	55	0	2,891	2,798	2,906	-3
Mar - May	55	55	55	0	2,986	2,890	2,918	-3
Jun - Aug	57	55	-	-4	2,920	2,899	-	-1
Sep - Nov	55	56	-	+2	2,844	2,875	-	+1
ANNUAL (Dec-Nov 1/)	223	222	-	0	11,641	11,462	-	-2
<b>PIGS PER LITTER:</b>	<i>Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	<i>Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Dec - Feb 1/	8.40	8.55	-	+2	8.73	8.76	-	0
Mar - May	8.50	8.50	-	0	8.80	8.86	-	+1
Jun - Aug	8.50	9.25	-	+9	8.86	8.86	-	0
Sep - Nov	8.50	9.25	-	+9	8.78	8.88	-	+1
ANNUAL (Dec-Nov 1/)	8.48	8.89	-	+5	8.79	8.84	-	+1
<b>PIG CROP 2/</b>	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Dec - Feb 1/	470	479	-	+2	25,247	24,522	-	-3
Mar - May	468	468	-	0	26,272	25,610	-	-3
Jun - Aug	485	509	-	+5	25,862	25,686	-	-1
Sep - Nov	468	518	-	+11	24,973	25,536	-	+2
ANNUAL (Dec-Nov 1/)	1,891	1,974	-	+4	102,354	101,355	-	-1

1/ December preceding year. 2/ Number of pigs born during the quarter that were still on hand on the first day of following quarter, or had been sold.

**Pigs per Litter by Quarter, 1993-2000**



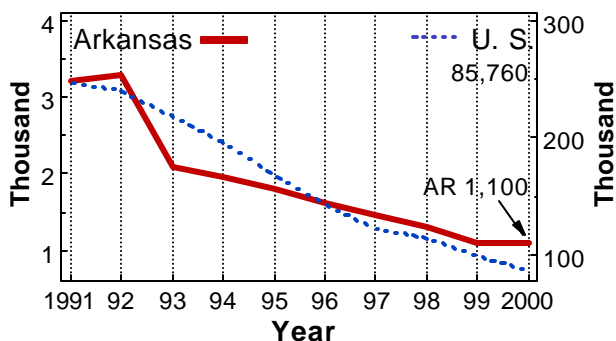
**Pig Crop by Quarter, 1993-2000**



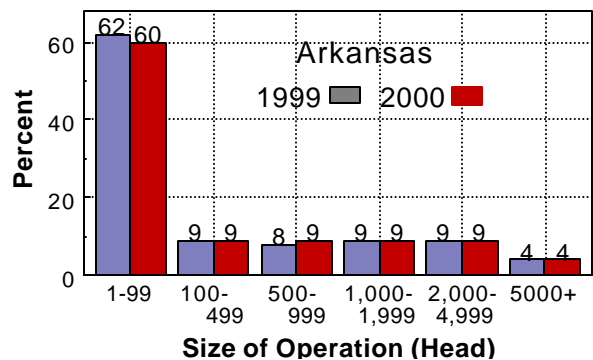
**NUMBER OF OPERATIONS BY SIZE GROUP, ARKANSAS AND U. S., 1999 -2000**

OPERATIONS HAVING												
State	1-99 Head		100-499 Head		500-999 Head		1,000-1,999		2,000-4,999		5,000+ Head	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
U. S.	Number											
	680	660	100	100	85	95	95	100	95	100	45	45
	52,880	47,560	22,810	17,695	9,255	7,745	6,500	5,870	5,110	4,795	2,055	2,095

**Total Number of Hog Operations, 1991-2000**



**Percent of Operations by Size Group, 1999-2000**



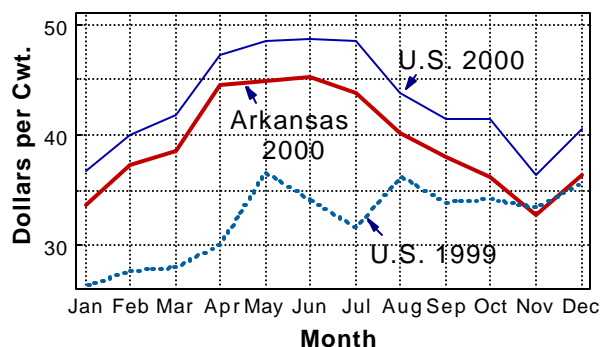
## ARKANSAS DECEMBER CROP PRICES HIGHER

Compared with November 2000, the December prices received by Arkansas farmers for products sold were higher for most of crops, steers and heifers, hogs, and eggs; while prices decreased for beef cattle, calves, cows, and turkeys.

The December 2000 price changes from November 2000 and December 1999, respectively, are as follows:

**Cotton:** up 3.2 cents, and up 17.2 cents per pound.  
**Sorghum:** up 40 cents per cwt. from November 2000.  
**Soybeans:** up 42 cents, and up 57 cents per bushel.  
**Wheat:** up 8 cents, and up 30 cents per bushel. **Beef cattle:** down 30 cents, and up \$3.30 per cwt. **Calves:** down 10 cents, and up \$5.60 per cwt. **Hogs:** up \$3.50, and up \$3.80 per cwt. **Table Eggs:** up 13 cents, and up 23 cents per dozen.

**Hog Price Received by Month  
Arkansas and U.S., 1999-2000**



Arkansas monthly data available from December 1999.

### MID-DECEMBER PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, AND MARKETINGS, WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES			
		Dec. 1999	Nov. 2000	Mid-Dec. 2000	Dec. 1999	Nov. 2000	Mid-Dec. 2000	Parity Prices Dec. 2000
PRICES RECEIVED 1/ CROPS		Dollars			Dollars			Dollars
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	1.82	1.86*	1.91	6.78
Cotton, Upland	Lb.	.438	.578*	.610	.428	.580*	.574	1.81
Cottonseed	Ton	73.00	97.00	97.00	99.00	108.00	110.00	252.00
Hay, All (Baled)	Ton	-	-	-	72.00	85.00	85.10	
Hay, Alfalfa (Baled)	Ton	-	-	-	74.10	90.40	91.00	
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.18	1.18*	1.16	3.44
Rice, All 2/	Cwt.	-	-	-	6.19	5.63*	5.56	29.10
Sorghum Grain	Cwt.	-	3.75*	4.15	2.62	3.27*	3.35	10.70
Soybeans	Bu.	4.58	4.73*	5.15	4.43	4.55*	4.84	14.20
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.20	2.42*	2.50	2.52	2.83*	2.75	9.84
LIVESTOCK								
Calves	Cwt.	90.90	96.60*	96.50	98.60	106.00	106.00	202.00
Cattle, All Beef 3/	Cwt.	62.20	65.80*	65.50	66.60	69.10*	71.20	157.00
Cows 4/	Cwt.	32.20	33.50*	32.20	35.10	36.60*	36.10	
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	72.20	79.60*	79.80	70.80	73.80*	76.20	
Hogs, All	Cwt.	32.50	32.80*	36.30	35.60	36.40*	40.60	104.00
DAIRY 5/								
Milk Sold to Plants, All	Cwt.	13.50	-	-	12.20	12.60*	12.90	32.10
Milk, Fluid Grade	Cwt.	13.50	-	-	12.30	12.60*	13.00	
Milk, Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	-	-	-	10.80	10.40*	10.80	
POULTRY								
Broilers (Com'l) 6/ 7/	Lb.	-	-	-	.368	.380	.350	
Eggs (Table)	Doz.	.370	.470	.600	.433	.584	.694	1.54
Turkeys 6/	Lb.	.450	.510	.430	.422	.470	.405	.937
MARKETINGS 8/					Dec. 1999	Oct. 2000	Nov. 2000	
Cotton, Upland	1,000 Bales	-	-	-	2,885	1,012	1,434	
Rice	1,000 cwt.	-	-	-	14,000	13,119	12,191	

Commodities with no data are not estimated or published for the month. \*Revised for full month price. 1/ Previous month and previous year prices for the entire month. Current mid-month prices are preliminary. 2/ Arkansas price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 3/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 5/ Arkansas estimates discontinued January 2000. 6/ Live weight equivalent price. 7/ Monthly estimates for individual state discontinued December 1999. 8/ Published for U.S. entire month only.

# NOVEMBER LAYERS AND EGGS, AND CHICKS HATCHED, ARKANSAS AND U. S., 1999-2000

Item	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		1999	2000	% Chg.	1999	2000	% Chg.
<b>Egg Production Total</b>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	292	<b>293</b>	0	7,016	7,025	0
<b>Table Eggs</b>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	108	<b>117</b>	+8	5,967	5,986	0
<b>Hatching Eggs</b>	<i>Million Eggs</i>	184	<b>176</b>	-4	1,049	1,039	-1
<b>All Layers 1/</b>	<i>Thousands</i>	15,550	<b>14,908</b>	-4	328,253	330,486	+1
<b>Rate of Lay 2/</b>	<i>Number</i>	1,878	<b>1,965</b>	+5	2,137	2,126	-1
<b>Chicks Hatched:</b>							
<b>Egg Type</b>	<i>Thousands</i>	816	<b>940</b>	+15	32,892	32,646	-1
<b>Broiler Type</b>	<i>Thousands</i>	98,329	<b>97,974</b>	0	676,769	674,222	0

1/ Includes all layers in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

2/ Eggs produced per 100 layers in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

## NOVEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION, CATTLE AND HOG SLAUGHTER, 1999 - 2000

Item	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		1999	2000	% Chg.	1999	2000	% Chg.
<b>Red Meat Production 1/</b>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	5.9	<b>4.4*</b>	-25	3,891.8	3,919.5**	+1
<b>Cattle Slaughter Total</b>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	1.7	<b>1.2*</b>	-29	2,939.9	2,930.9	0
<b>Federally Inspected</b>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	1.2	<b>0.9</b>	-25	2,881.5	2,878.6	0
<b>Total Live Weight</b>	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	1,507	<b>1,387</b>	-8	3,576,181	3,606,147	+1
<b>Average Live Weight</b>	<i>Lbs.</i>	871	<b>1,131</b>	+30	1,216	1,230	+1
<b>Hog Slaughter Total 2/</b>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	4/	4/	-	8,895.7	8,756.5	-2
<b>Federally Inspected</b>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	4/	4/	-	8,749.5	8,632.6	-1
<b>Total Live Weight</b>	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	4/	4/	-	2,328,982	2,321,831	0
<b>Average Live Weight</b>	<i>Lbs.</i>	4/	4/	-	262	265	+1

\* Record low for November. \*\* Record high for the month including November record beef and pork productions. 1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. 2/ Excludes slaughter on farms. 3/ Based on unrounded data. 4/ Arkansas data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations, but still included in the U.S. total.

**Arkansas calf, and sheep slaughter** data are also not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

November 2000 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays (including one holiday), compared to 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays in November 1999.